

WEATHER: Showers Wednesday; Thursday, partly cloudy and colder, fresh south winds.

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## MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE WAS THE CROWNING EVENT OF ROYAL REVELS

Parade in Honor of Priscus, Rex, One, of Truly Regal Splendor—Thousands Cheered the Mighty Monarch of Merriment and His Glittering Pageant of Brilliantly Costumed Courtiers and Elaborately Decorated Floats.

### TITLE "HIGHLANDS AND HOLIDAYS"

Subject Handled in Magnificent Manner by Clever Artists.

PROCESSION THE GRANDEST SPECTACLE IN ARTISTIC PAGEANTRY EVER PRESENTED IN PENSACOLA—ROUTE BRILLIANTLY ILLUMINATED—DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE TWELVE WONDERFULLY BEAUTIFUL FLOATS.

More than twenty thousand people last night witnessed the grandest spectacle in artistic pageantry which has ever been presented in Pensacola. It was a superb festival display—beautiful in conception and equally beautiful in execution.

As it passed through the crowded thoroughfares, the prismatic colors of the rainbow glistening from every float, beneath brilliant illumination, and the bands discoursing strains of old-time melody and patriotic music, applause went forth from thousands of throats and every spectator joined in praise of the beauty and simplicity of the scene.

The parade was a long one, requiring fifteen minutes to pass a given point and most of the route was traversed twice so that everyone had a good opportunity to witness it. The route was brilliantly lighted, and a banner bearing the name of each subject was carried in front of each float. A detailed description of the floats is given below:

#### Float No. 1—King's Float.

At the head of the magnificent parade was the chariot of his Majesty, Priscus, upon which, on a throne of pure gold, was seated his Majesty, that he might view his imposing pageant as it entered the portals of his royal domain; and, that he might receive the plaudits of the thousands of his loyal subjects who lined the highways to the palace, where his Royal Consort was received and crowned as Queen of the Carnival.

The Royal chariot was a vivid portrayal of an Arctic scene. The variegated glow of the Aurora Borealis, throwing out its golden beams of Arctic light, shedding their soft rays upon ice stalagmites which crop out here and there upon the rugged surface of the frozen north, formed a pleasing background to his Majesty's throne. The Arctic effect was further accentuated by the presence of two life-sized Polar bears in their natural environment of snow and ice—one on either side of the King.

#### Float No. 2—Title Float "Highlands and Holidays."

It has ever been the ambition and desire of the Pensacola Carnival Association that its annual parades should not alone be pleasing to the eye—artistic in design and execution, but of subjects so simple that the small boy and little miss, might just for once during the year, be upon an equal footing in the matter of understanding and appreciating with their mamma and papa, hence the subject of this year's parade.

In the design for the title float of a Mardi Gras parade, the artist's talents are not restricted to the bounds of some subject altogether in keeping with the other floats of his creation, but he may with impunity give rein to his genius and create what pleases his artistic imagination most. There is no one who will read these lines but can appreciate the artist's reasons for designing the title float of this parade to represent an autumn scene—autumn leaves and acorns, suggesting the delights of one's holidays spent in the woods in close communion with nature and the beauties of the Universe.

Autumn leaves of immense proportions with all of the graceful curves and curls of nature, blushing with every shade and tint of the season's kisses; acorns and other nuts, of proportions in keeping with their bursting shells, was the picture presented in the title float of last night's parade.

#### Float No. 3—New Year's Day.

The season of hospitality, new resolutions and good cheer, was most fittingly and artistically symbolized in this float.

Peeping from behind willows of downy, rose-tinted clouds, was a sphere just emerging from realms we not of. Upon the crest of this sphere stood Aurora, the goddess of

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## CORONATION BALL A GORGEOUS FUNCTION.



Hon. T. A. Jennings, King Priscus VI, who was unmasked at the grand coronation ball last night and who reigned as King of the Carnival of 1905.

Hon. T. A. Jennings is a native Floridian, born in Hamilton county, January 8, 1865, and with the exception of one year spent in business in Mobile, he has lived in Florida all his life. He is one of the giant figures in the business circles of the state and there are few, if any, men in Florida to enjoy a wider personal acquaintance than does he. His selection as Carnival King was an eminently fitting one and when he was unmasked last night his loyal subjects demonstrated their approval by universal and unstinted applause.

### Many Inconvenienced By Strike on New York Subway

By Associated Press.  
New York, March 7.—On account of the subway and elevated strike nothing has been seen in New York in years equal to the appearance of the Broadway surface cars on their up-town trips from five until eight o'clock to-night. They were run from the Battery, Bowling Green and Houston streets in one steady stream towards Harlem and the Bronx.

By the time the cars reached Fourteenth street they were all packed and jammed with humanity, and many agile young New Yorkers, bound to reach home, climbed to the roofs of the cars and, settling there pulled out their papers and read war-

or strike news through the "Great White Way" of Broadway.

There was a drizzling rain and some raised umbrellas until the cars resembled the London tram cars.

During the evening the strikers succeeded in persuading many of the new guards and motormen to leave their places. In a few places trains were deserted by crews between stations and the passengers had to risk the dangers of the third rail to get out of the subway.

The management assert they have secured many thousand men to take the places of the strikers. Mayor McLehland has offered his good offices toward settling the strike.

### Masons Will Conduct the Funeral of Judge Reagan

By Associated Press.  
Houston, Texas, March 7.—A special to the Post from Palestine says that Mrs. H. John Reagan has refused the request of the legislature that the state be permitted to conduct the funeral of John H. Reagan, to have the body lie in state at Austin, with interment in the state cemetery. Mrs. Reagan said her husband had expressed a desire to be buried at Palestine. The funeral will be conducted Wednesday afternoon by the Masons, the officiating official being

Henry Bates Stoddard, of Byron, past eminent grand commander of the grand commandery of the United States. The funeral will be attended by Governor Lanham, a majority of the members of the legislature, and prominent Texans from all portions of the state, special trains having been announced on several roads. The memoirs of Judge Reagan have been completed, and are in good shape for publication, though he has a great number of papers to be gone through to discover if there be anything valuable omitted from the memoirs.

### Largest Mill in the World Burning at Cedar Rapids

By Associated Press.  
Cedar Rapids, Ia., March 7.—The Plant of the American Cereal Company, said to be the largest oat meal mill in the world is burning at eleven

o'clock to-night and probably will be a total loss. Two persons have lost their lives. The fire is spreading and assistance has been asked for of several nearby cities.

Baptist Witness Moved to De Land. De Land, March 7.—The Baptist Witness has been moved to De Land and the name changed to Southern Witness. The form will be changed to a sixteen-page paper. F. C. Edwards is to be managing editor. Dr. C. S. Farris, vice-president of Stetson University, is to be an associate editor.

North Carolina Appropriations. Raleigh, N. C., March 7.—The general assembly has made an appropriation of \$30,000 for a North Carolina building and exhibit at the Jamestown Centennial in 1907; this upon condition that the national government votes at least a million dollars for the exposition.

### Queen Invested With All Insignia of Her Royal Rank.

### T. A. JENNINGS WAS UNMASKED AS KING

AND PERFORMED THE CEREMONIOUS DUTIES OF HIS HIGH POSITION IN A MOST KINGLY MANNER—BEAUTIFUL QUEEN AND BRILLIANT GALAXY OF MAIDS, FLOWER GIRLS AND ATTENDANTS.

The grand coronation ball at the opera house, immediately following the street pageant, was a brilliant event. The house was crowded with loyal subjects of King Priscus and his royal consort, each vying with the other in an effort to pay dutiful homage and all burning up with curiosity to learn the identity of their mighty ruler.

The curtain rose first on a beautiful tableau in which all of the mystic characters connected with the Carnival were seen to pleasing effect.

In the next scene the Queen was crowned and the identity of the King was made known. After placing the crown upon her head, he and his lovely queen had advanced to the front of the platform, an instant of darkness gave him an opportunity to remove his mask, and as the light again flooded the court, the audience recognized the handsome features of the distinguished fellow citizen, Hon. T. A. Jennings. The surprise was as pleasing as it was complete, and the Carnival Association's selection for this honored position was the subject of most complimentary comment on every side.

The report of the coronation ball in detail is as follows:

The Queen's Retinue.  
After the tableau, when the King was enthroned, the Queen and her attendants entered and grouped about completing a beautiful and imposing picture of imperial splendor.

First came the garland bearers, ten lovely young girls, entering from opposite sides in couples all dressed alike in simple, soft white silk frocks with white shoes and hose, and each pretty head crowned with a wreath of flowers to match the garlands she bore.

First Miss Susie Moreno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scarritt Moreno, and Miss Ella Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ward, carrying garlands of violets with wreaths of violets on their heads.

Miss Emily Whaley, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Whaley, and Miss Margarette Skinner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Skinner, bearing garlands of buttercups and wearing wreaths of the same yellow flowers.

Miss Louise Quina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Quina, and Miss Alice Quina, daughter of Mrs. E. G. Quina, carrying garlands of red poppies and with wreaths of the same bright flowers adorning their dark hair.

Miss Cora Louise Simpson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Simpson, and Miss Ada Hilton Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hilton Green, carrying garlands of small pink roses and wearing wreaths of the same dainty flowers.

Miss Emily Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones, and Miss Roberta Fisher, daughter of Mrs. William Fisher, carrying garlands of pale blue forget-me-nots and crowned with wreaths of those dainty flowers.

Lining up from near the railing in two lines they formed an avenue from the entrance through which the Queen and her attendants, approached the throne where the king awaited her, coming in the following order:

Miss Allie Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Willis, entered alone beautifully gowned in spangled lilac net over lilac crepe de chine. The bottom of the trained skirt and the waist were bordered with large purple violets and she wore a corsage bouquet of the same fragrant beauties. She entered alone through the garlanded avenue and crossed over to where her attendant, Sir Anderson Leonard, received her by his side.

Miss Mamie Merritt, daughter of Mrs. E. S. Merritt, and Miss Katharine Avery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Avery, visions of loveliness, entered together and crossed to where their escorts awaited them.

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## FIGHTING OF FIERCEST NATURE IN MANCHURIA

Issue of Battle Depends Largely on Physical Condition of Respective Forces—Report in St. Petersburg that Japanese Have Defeated Kuropatkin.



MISS ELISE CHIPLEY.

Who was last night crowned Queen of the Carnival of 1905.

Miss Chipley is a favorite in Pensacola society circles and her selection as Carnival Queen could not have been improved upon. She graced the occasion with queen-like dignity and royal bearing that won the admiration of all.

## POLICE INVESTIGATING STANFORD POISONING

FORMER BUTLER AND MAID PUT THROUGH SEVERE INQUISITION, BUT LINE OF QUESTIONING IS NOT DIVULGED—NO ONE IS YET SUSPECTED, BUT EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO SECURE ALL OBTAINABLE EVIDENCE.

By Associated Press.  
San Francisco, March 7.—For the past few days the police have been considerably more active in their investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Lathrop Stanford.

Albert Beverly, an ex-butler and Miss Elizabeth Richmond, a former maid, have been put through a severe inquisition and, though the police refuse to divulge the line of questioning, it has been gleaned from a reliable source that Beverly has admitted that he had been in the habit of taking commissions on purchases made for the household while he was in Mrs. Stanford's employ.

Miss Richmond declared to the police that it was the butler, William McWhinney, who opened the bottles of mineral water on the occasion of the attempt to poison Mrs. Stanford last January. She said she had carried one of the bottles to Mrs. Stanford and that the other was intended for Mrs. Berner.

The police in an official statement say they accuse no one and have not even the right to suspect any one at this time. They say that if the coroner's jury at Honolulu decides that Mrs. Stanford came to her death by means of strychnine poisoning they want to be in a position to turn over to the officials there every bit of evidence obtainable in San Francisco.

Startling Discovery.  
San Francisco, March 7.—The Call

### Mrs. Chadwick's Attorneys Score Against Government

By Associated Press.  
Cleveland, March 7.—Nine witnesses were examined in the Chadwick trial to-day. The defense established the fact that the claim of the government that Mrs. Cassie Chadwick had no money in the Oberlin bank at the time of drawing the checks which were certified by Spear and Beck with was incorrect in two instances

at least. It is doubtful if Andrew Carnegie will take the stand. District attorney Sullivan said this afternoon: "It is not my purpose to put Mr. Carnegie on the stand and I do not think that he will be called upon to testify unless his evidence should be needed in rebuttal of something introduced by the defense."

### NO CONFIDENCE IN RUSSIAN GENERAL

Not Believed He Will Be Able to Strike at Psychological Moment.

JAPS ATTACK RUSSIAN POSITION ON HUN RIVER—TERRIFIC FIGHTING THROUGHOUT DAY AROUND MUKDEN—SITUATION OF RUSSIAN ARMY IS DESPERATE AND HOPE HAS BEEN ABOUT ABANDONED.

By Associated Press.  
Mukden, March 7.—(5 p. m.)—Fighting of the fiercest nature which is likely to decide the fate of the battle which has been in progress for the past ten days, began at dawn to-day and has continued uninterruptedly up to the present time on the front fourteen miles long. The issue of the battle depends largely upon the relative physical condition of the rank and file. In the main the features of the combat are very much like that at Liao Yang, and if the Russians should be able to crush the flanking force victory may be regarded as won. The losses in the ten days' battle are already much greater than at Liao Yang, and are likely to increase as the days pass before the issue is finally decided.

### BELIEVED THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE WON.

St. Petersburg, March 7.—A very specific report in exceedingly well informed circles is to the effect that the day has gone badly with General Kuropatkin; that the Russian center is broken and that thirteen heavy siege guns have been captured by the Japanese. If this is true, it is pointed out here, the battle is lost.

### LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN GENERAL KUROPATKIN.

St. Petersburg, March 7.—After the receipt of General Kuropatkin's message to-day, dated yesterday, a better feeling prevailed at the war office, where it is believed that Kuropatkin might, by an energetic defense, still gain the day. The belief is expressed that Oyama's army is not large enough to accomplish the turning movement and hold the front at the present position.

There is yet open criticism of Kuropatkin's generalship and little confidence is being manifested that he will be able to strike at the psychological moment. If he suffers defeat his recall is sure to follow.

### FIGHTING HEARD FAR NORTH OF MUKDEN.

Mukden, March 7.—The Japanese at 2 o'clock this morning attacked the Russian position on the Hun river. The artillery fire has been continuous and shifted northward after day light almost to the Simintin road from which the wounded and Chinese refugees are arriving. Fighting is heard also far in the north and numbers of wounded Japanese found along the Simintin road have been brought in and cared for.

### Battle Renewed.

Mukden, March 7.—The battle around Mukden was renewed at the break of day. Artillery fire is becoming very heavy.

### RUSSIANS PREPARING TO ABANDON MUKDEN.

Tokio, March 7.—It is reported that the Russians are preparing to abandon Mukden and Fushun, and to retreat to the pass.

### ST. PETERSBURG HAS ABANDONED HOPE.

St. Petersburg, March 7.—All hope that General Kuropatkin will be able to turn defeat into victory is rapidly vanishing. The position of the Russian army has been growing increasingly desperate during the last twenty-four hours. The gravest danger is from the Japanese left, which has been pushed northward on the Simintin road to a point eight miles northwest of Mukden, where it has joined a flanking column from the west around the village of Tatechkaia, which is located at this point. The battle raged with terrible bitterness throughout yesterday with all the reserves hurled to the scene.